



# Waterbury Regional Chamber Health Care Council

## 16th Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony

### Tuesday, August 17, 2021

#### ***Organizational Excellence Award***

This award is presented to a business, civic or non-profit organization that demonstrates the best qualities of a health provider. Through exceptional commitment to safety, quality, positive outcomes, and compassionate care it exemplifies the ideals that embody excellence in everything it does.

#### ***Past Recipients:***

2020 Saint Mary's Hospital  
2019 VITAS Healthcare  
2018 Waterbury Neurology LLC  
2017 Easterseals Center for Better Hearing  
2016 OptiCare Eye Health & Vision Centers  
2015 Wellmore Behavioral Health  
2014 Harold Leever Regional Cancer Center  
2013 StayWell Health Care, Inc.  
2012 Access Rehab Centers  
2011 St. Mary's Children's & Family Center  
2010 Campion Ambulance  
2009 Chief Neil O'Leary on behalf of the Waterbury Police Activity League  
2008 Andrew Roberts on behalf of the Greater Waterbury Y.M.C.A.  
2007 Catherine Risigo-Wickline, Therapy Unlimited

#### ***Nominee***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the mission and/or services of the organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What has this organization done to improve healthcare in our community? -  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How specifically does this organization demonstrate superior service and/or outcomes? \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### ***Nominated by (not for publication):***

Name and Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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#### ***Leadership Award***

This award is presented to an individual from the health profession who embodies the qualities required to improve healthcare in our community. Through raising awareness, initiating change, enhancing quality of care, or creating new services, the recipient has demonstrated the vision and foresight needed to create a healthier future for us all.

#### ***Past Recipients:***

2020 Dr. Justin Lundbye, Chief Medical Officer, Waterbury Hospital  
2019 Dr. S. Mark Albini, Naugatuck Valley Health Specialists/Saint Mary's Hospital  
2018 Dr. Christine Lathuras, Sunrise Family Dental Care  
2017 Dr. Peter Jacoby, Saint Mary's Hospital  
2016 Darlene Stromstad, President & CEO, Greater Waterbury Health Network and  
Chad W. Wable, President & CEO, Saint Mary's Hospital  
2015 Fran DeBlasio, Easterseals, Greater Waterbury, Central & NW Connecticut  
2014 Kristen Jacoby, MPH, United Way of Greater Waterbury  
2013 Dr. Steven Aronin, Waterbury Hospital and Dr. Michael F. Simms III, Saint Mary's Health Systems  
2012 Michael Culhane, Executive Director and Dr. Paul Kelly, Malta House of Care  
2011 Nancy M. Cappello, Ph.D, President and Founder Are You Dense, Inc. and Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc.  
2010 John H. Tobin, DMan, MPH, Waterbury Hospital  
2009 Sam D'Ambrosi, Waterbury Board of Health  
2008 Joseph D. DeMayo, MD, MPH  
2007 Merceditas Villanueva, Infectious Diseases, Waterbury Hospital

#### ***Nominee***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe this person's specific role and responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What has this person done to improve healthcare in our community beyond the requirements of their position? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How has this person demonstrated proven leadership? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name and Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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#### ***Unsung Hero Award***

This award is presented to a health care practitioner who has distinguished himself or herself by providing exceptional care, compassion and commitment in their daily work. They have dedicated themselves to working behind the scenes in a hands-on capacity, making a difference in the lives of those they serve.

#### ***Past Recipients:***

2020 Trician Salmon, Memory Care Director, Benchmark Senior Living at The Village at East Farms, Waterbury  
2019 Leslie Swiderski, RN, Coordinator, Waterbury Health Public Access Program at Waterbury Hospital  
2018 Joe Ochieng, God Provides Ministries International, Inc.  
2017 Robin Cracco, Nursing Director, Saint Mary's Hospital  
2016 Donna Johnson, Diagnostic Radiology Associates  
2015 Sandra Micalizzi, APRN, CDE, Heart Center of Greater Waterbury  
2014 Anthony Bocci, Mental Health Clinician, Waterbury Hospital  
2013 Dr. David C. Knight, Waterbury Hospital  
2012 Jo-anne Cosgriff, MD, Medical Director, Intensive Care Unit, Waterbury Hospital  
2011 Dr. Robert P. Matusz, DPM, Naugatuck Podiatry Associates  
2010 H. Compton Gift, MD, Saint Mary's Health System, Inc.  
2010 Richard Smith, LCSW, Waterbury Hospital Infectious Diseases Clinic  
2009 Mark Casey, Saint Mary's Health System, Inc.  
2008 Ralph Miro, MPH, REMTP, Waterbury Hospital  
2007 Pat Dwyer, Saint Mary's Hospital

#### ***Nominee***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe this person's specific role and responsibilities. \_\_\_\_\_

What has this person done to improve healthcare in our community beyond the requirements of their position? \_\_\_\_\_

What distinguishes this person from other health care professionals? \_\_\_\_\_

What impact does this person's work have on individuals or the community? \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Nominated by (not for publication):***

Name and Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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#### ***Stephen Sasala Health Advocate Award***

This award is presented to an individual or group who works outside of the health industry yet still demonstrates exceptional commitment to healthcare related issues. By using their own unique capabilities and competencies they have demonstrated an ability to improve health and influence health related issues in a positive way.

*Possible recipients of this award would be policy makers, business people, directors, etc.*

#### ***Past Recipients:***

2020 Jack Birtwell, Owner and President, Porter Preston, Inc, Waterbury

2019 Joe Cappello, Co-Founder, Are You Dense, Inc. and Are You Dense Advocacy, Inc.

2018 Acts 4 Ministry

2017 Meghan Lennon, Health & Wellness Director, Greater Waterbury YMCA

2016 U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy

2015 Republican-American

2014 Brass City Harvest

2013 Jim O'Rourke, Greater Waterbury YMCA

2012 Ryan Gomes, Hoops for Heart Health

2011 Donna Palomba, Founder, Jane Doe No More, Inc.

2010 Connecticut Community Foundation

2009 Tom Chute, WATR-1320 AM, on behalf of the greater Waterbury community

2008 Chief Michael Maglione on behalf of the Fire Department, City of Waterbury

2007 Rev. Robert Rhodes

#### ***Nominee***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee a health professional? If not, what is his or her role, and how does it impact health care in our community? \_\_\_\_\_

What has this person done in order demonstrate a commitment to better health care? \_\_\_\_\_

What has this person done to improve healthcare in our community beyond the requirements of their position? \_\_\_\_\_

What specific achievements or accomplishments can be traced to this individual? \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Nominated by (not for publication):***

Name and Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY JUNE 7, 2021 IN A WORD DOCUMENT AND SEND TO CHRIS CAULFIELD AT CCAULFIELD@WATERBURYCHAMBER.COM